

## IN THE SPECIFICATION:

For the paragraph starting on page 8 at line 13, please amend the following paragraph, which is reproduced below with marked up changes, to correct a grammatical error:

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Using conductive foam elastomers in preferred operator panel embodiments of the invention is advantageous in that the measurement of both touch pressure and location can be obtained. In some situations where users may not need or want the ability to measure and use touch pressure, the tactile sensor may take different forms rather than being foam elastomer. One example includes the ~~[uses]~~use of the touch sensors incorporated into most touch screens. The main components are two sheets of polymer (typically high-density polyethylene or polyester) with a conductive coating on one side. The sides of the polymer sheets with conductive coating face each other and are separated by a small gap; small non-conductive ridges, edge forces, or elastic members enforce the constraint. A small voltage difference is applied across one set of electrodes. When the screen is touched, the two sheets contact and the position is measured using the second set of electrodes. For touch screens to work properly, no foreign material or liquid may enter the gap between the conductive sheets – sealing is very important. As discussed above, these touch screen panels are relatively delicate when compared to the membrane buttons or push keys; since they are bonded usually to a thin sheet of non-tempered glass (a weak point in the system), these sensors do not absorb well impacts. Additionally, these sensors cannot detect multiple touches.

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